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LAPTA CONFERENCE VOTED EVENING SEPTEMBER 3 TO EXCLUDE
CUBA BY VOTE 7 TO NOTHING, MEXICO AND BRAZIL ABSTAINING.
CONFERENCE ADOPTED RESOLUTION 36 AGAINST ADMISSION ANY
COUNTRY WITH INCOMPATIBLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND RESOLUTION
37 NAMING CUBA AS SUCH A COUNTRY. TEXTS FOLLOW. MEXICO AND
BRAZIL ABSTAINED JUDICIAL GROUNDS ARTICLE 58 DID NOT PROVIDE
FOR EXCLUSION ANY APPLICANT, BUT BOTH ACKNOWLEDGED CUBAN
SYSTEM INCOMPATIBLE WITH LAPTA. REGULAR PLENARY SESSIONS
RESUMED SEPTEMBER 4.

RESOLUTION 36

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, DURING ITS
SECOND PERIOD OF REGULAR SESSIONS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE PARTIES TO THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY,
IN ESTABLISHING A FREE TRADE AREA AND INSTITUTING THE

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SEPTEMBER 2, FROM MEXICO CITY

LATIN-AMERICAN FREE-TRADE ASSOCIATION, RESOLVED TO MAKE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EFFORT TO CREATE A LATIN-AMERICAN COMMON MARKET AS A RESULT OF THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS, SERVICES, AND CAPITAL; THAT ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY BY THE LATIN-AMERICAN STATES OF NECESSITY IMPLIES THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMPATIBILITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SYSTEMS WITH THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY;

THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE CONFERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 34 OF THE TREATY, TO TAKE ALL DECISIONS CONCERNING MATTERS REQUIRING A JOINT DECISION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IN MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

RESOLVES:

FIRST. THAT, FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH ABOVE, IT IS NOT PROPER TO ACCEPT THE DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF ADHERENCE BY ANY COUNTRY THAT MAINTAINS AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY.

SECOND. TO COMMUNICATE THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY FOR THE NECESSARY PURPOSES.

RESOLUTION 37

THE CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, DURING ITS FOURTH SESSION, AFTER THE RECEIPT OF COPIES OF THE TREATY, OFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS OF THE TREATY, AND THE INSTRUMENTS OF ADHERENCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 35 THEREOF, UNANIMOUSLY

AND, IN VIEW OF RESOLUTION 38 (1959) OF THE CONFERENCE,

DECLARES:

THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTE INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE
ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF CUBA AND THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY AND
RESOLVES:

FRIST. THAT, CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NOT PROPER TO ACCEPT
THE DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF ADHERENCE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CUBA TO THE MONTEVIDEO TREATY AS LONG AS ITS PRESENT
ECONOMIC SYSTEM CONTINUES.

SECOND. TO COMMUNICATE THIS RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY TO
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY FOR SUCH
PURPOSES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.

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